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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action having a mailing date of March 9, 2005 (Paper No. 5), having a three-month shortened statutory period for response set to expire on June 9, 2005, please reconsider the rejections of the claims in view of the following remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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